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POLREP #01

LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK

MAIN STREET & LONGVIEW ROAD

LINFIELD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA 19468

ATTN: GREGG CRYSTALL, STEPHEN LUFTIG

1. SITUATION (1700 HOURS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1991)

- A. A REMOVAL SITE INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED AT THE LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK THIS DATE. DUE TO LIMITED ACCESS, ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED. BASED ON FINDINGS TO DATE, SAMPLING OF UNLABELED DRUMS AND STAINED SOIL IS WARRANTED.
- B. BACKGROUND - ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1991, FIT CONDUCTED A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK. BASED ON FIT'S OBSERVATIONS, FIT RECOMMENDED TO EPA'S SUPERFUND SITE ASSESSMENT SECTION THAT AN ASSESSMENT BE CONDUCTED BY THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SECTION (TRANSLATED REMOVAL BRANCH). THE LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK WAS FORMERLY PUBLICKER INDUSTRIES/CONTINENTAL DISTILLERY. THIS FACILITY OF APPROXIMATELY 115 ACRES IN SIZE, APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THE SITE HAS ABOVE AND BELOW-GROUND STORAGE TANKS, BUILDINGS, TANKER TRUCKS AND DRUMS AS WELL AS SCATTERED DEBRIS THROUGHOUT THE SITE. THE SITE CURRENTLY HAS FOURTEEN THREE-STORY WAREHOUSE BUILDINGS, PREVIOUSLY USED AS BONDED WAREHOUSES FOR STORAGE OF WHISKEY IN KEGS. AT AN UNKNOWN DATE, PUBLICKER INDUSTRIES BEGAN TO BOTTLE ETHYLENE GLYCOL (ANTIFREEZE) AT THIS FACILITY. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER ANY OF THE MATERIALS BOTTLED/STORED AT THIS SITE WERE EVER PROCESSED ONSITE. THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD TO THE LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK (LIP) IN THE 1980'S. LIP APPEARS TO BE OWNED BY MR. EUGENE OSTREICHER OF NEW YORK. OPERATIONS AT THE SITE CEASED IN 1986 AND THE SITE HAS REMAINED INACTIVE SINCE THAT TIME.
- C. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THIS SITE, INCLUDING THE BUILDINGS, HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL. SINCE MR. OSTREICHER IS PRESENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND "IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH", C. THOMAS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH LIP'S ATTORNEY (B. SHAFRAN).
- D. WEATHER: OVERCAST, COLD WITH LIGHT WINDS AND SNOW FLURRIES, TEMPS IN THE 40'S.
- E. PERSONNEL ON SCENE:
EPA - 2, TAT - 4, FRP - 1

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. MARCH 12, 1991, OSC POWELL NOTIFIES PA DER (D. BATTIPS), MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEPC (B. WILLIAMS) AND LIMERICK POLICE DEPT. THAT AN ASSESSMENT OF LIP WOULD BE PERFORMED ON MARCH 13, 1991.
- B. PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ON SITE, CRES THOMAS WAS INFORMED BY B. CHAFRAN THAT MANY OF THE DRUMS OBSERVED BY FIT (APPROXIMATELY 75, 25 OF WHICH CONTAINED MATERIAL) HAD BEEN GATHERED AND STORED IN ONE OF THE WAREHOUSES. NO ACCESS WAS PROVIDED.
- C. EPA REPRESENTATIVES OSC POWELL AND CRES THOMAS AND TAT MEMBERS MOBILIZED TO THE SITE TO CONDUCT A SITE ASSESSMENT. MET WITH PRP REPRESENTATIVE ROSENTHAL (REAL ESTATE AGENT GENT WITH THE KEYS TO THE GATE) AT THE SITE TO OBTAIN ACCESS. VEHICLES COULD EASILY ACCESS THE SITE AROUND THE LOCKED GATE.
- D. STANDARD SAFETY PROTOCOLS WERE ADHERED TO DURING THE ASSESSMENT. OBSERVATIONS MADE INCLUDE 5 DRUMS CONTAINING MATERIAL, 4 TRUCK TRAILERS (LOCKED), 3 TANKERS OF CONCERN, AND AN ABANDONED BARN CONTAINING TRANSFORMER CARCASSES SURROUNDED BY AN OILY SUBSTANCE.
- E. A DISHED TRANSFORMER APPEARS TO HAVE RELEASED OIL ONTO THE GROUND. FIELD SCREENING WITH A CHLOR-N-SOIL KIT INDICATES POSITIVE FOR PCB CONTAMINATION GREATER THAN 50 PPM.
- F. M. BROWN, A PART-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER, WANDERED ON SITE. HE VERIFIED THAT THE DRUMS WERE COLLECTED AND MOVED INTO WAREHOUSE "K", AND THAT SOME CONTAINED "CHEMICALS". ONE OF THE DRUMS THAT CONTAINED MATERIAL LEAKED FROM A "BULLET HOLE" WHILE BEING MOVED. NO PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT WAS USED BY THE WORKERS.
- G. CHILDREN WERE OBSERVED PLAYING ADJACENT TO THE FACILITY. RUMOROUS 22, 357, AND SHOTGUN SHELLS WERE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE SITE. MANY DRUMS AND PAILS WERE RIDDLED WITH BULLET HOLES.

III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. CRES THOMAS TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE BUILDINGS ONSITE THROUGH THE CURRENT OWNERS OF THE FACILITY.
- B. DETERMINE CONTENTS OF BUILDINGS, TANKERS, TANKS, DRUMS, CARS, AND TRAILERS AS THEY RELATE TO SAMPLING.

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2. JCF TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT A SITE SAMPLING PLAN, AS TASKED BY THE OSC. DUE TO AN UNREALISTIC AND LIMITED ANALYTICAL BUDGET (FAT SPECIAL PROJECTS), FIELD SCREENING OF SAMPLES WILL BE PERFORMED USING A HAZ CAT KIT. BASED ON THESE RESULTS, COMPATIBLE SAMPLES WILL BE COMPOSITED AND SENT TO A PRIVATE LAB. DUE TO POTENTIAL INACCURACIES AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED TO COMPOSITING SAMPLES, ADDITIONAL TIME AND A MORE DETAILED HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSURE ACCURATE RESULTS AND WORKER SAFETY. DESPITE THIS, USE OF HAZ CAT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE AT THIS TIME.

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POLREP #02

LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK

MAIN STREET & LONGVIEW ROAD
LINFIELD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA 19468

ATTN: GREGG CRYSTALL, KAREN WOLPER AND STEPHEN LUFTIG

I. SITUATION (2000 HOURS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1991)

- A. A FOLLOW UP REMOVAL SITE INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED AT THE LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK THIS DATE. WAREHOUSES THAT WERE INACCESSABLE DURING THE FIRST ASSESSMENT WERE INVESTIGATED THIS DATE. ACCESS WAS PROVIDED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER'S ATTORNEY (B. SHAFRAN).
- B. BACKGROUND - ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1991, FIT CONDUCTED A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK. BASED ON FIT'S OBSERVATIONS, FIT RECOMMENDED TO EPA'S SUPERFUND SITE ASSESSMENT SECTION THAT AN ASSESSMENT BE CONDUCTED BY THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SECTION. THE LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK WAS FORMERLY PUBLICKER INDUSTRIES/CONTINENTAL DISTILLERY. THIS FACILITY OF APPROXIMATELY 115 ACRES IN SIZE, APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THE SITE HAS ABOVE AND BELOW-GROUND STORAGE TANKS, BUILDINGS, TANKER TRUCKS AND DRUMS AS WELL AS SCATTERED DEBRIS THROUGHOUT THE SITE. THE SITE CURRENTLY HAS FOURTEEN THREE-STORY WAREHOUSE BUILDINGS, PREVIOUSLY USED AS BONDED WAREHOUSES FOR STORAGE OF WHISKEY IN KEGS. AT AN UNKNOWN DATE, PUBLICKER INDUSTRIES BEGAN TO BOTTLE ETHYLENE GLYCOL (ANTIFREEZE) AT THIS FACILITY. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER ANY OF THE MATERIALS BOTTLED/STORED AT THIS SITE WERE EVER PROCESSED ONSITE. THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD TO THE LINFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK (LIP) IN THE 1980'S. LIP APPEARS TO BE OWNED BY MR. EUGENE OSTREICHER OF NEW YORK. OPERATIONS AT THE SITE CEASED IN 1986 AND THE SITE HAS REMAINED INACTIVE SINCE THAT TIME.
- C. WEATHER: OVERCAST, COOL WITH LIGHT WINDS AND LIGHT RAINS, TEMPS IN THE 50'S.
- D. PERSONNEL ON SCENE:

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

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- A. AT 1100 HOURS, MARCH 27, 1991, REMOVAL OSC MATLOCK, ENFORCEMENT OSC THOMAS, AND MEMBERS OF THE ROY F. WESTON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM BEGAN TO INVESTIGATE EACH OF THE FOURTEEN WAREHOUSES ONSITE. THE BOTTLING BUILDING (BLDG. #2) WAS ALSO INVESTIGATED.
- B. DURING THE INVESTIGATION THE OSC'S AND TAT OBSERVED NUMEROUS DRUMS AND CONTAINERS OF VARIOUS SHAPES AND SIZES. A SMALL LABORATORY WAS DISCOVERED ON THE PREMISES. THE OSC REQUESTED TAT TO INVENTORY THE VARIOUS DRUMS IN EACH BUILDING AS WELL AS THE LAB CHEMICALS. ALTHOUGH THE VARIOUS WAREHOUSE BUILDINGS WERE SECURED AND ALL DOORS LOCKED, THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF ITEMS FOUND SCATTERED IN THE VARIOUS BUILDINGS:
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- * 20 GALLON CONTAINERS OF SULFURIC ACID (~~FIELD TESTED PH OF 0~~).
 - * ~~VARIOUS~~ DRUMS AND CONTAINERS MARKED FLAMMABLE.
 - * LIQUID CAUSTIC MATERIALS.
 - * COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID DRUMS.
 - * THOUSANDS OF SMALL ANTI-FREEZE FILLED CONTAINERS.
 - * HUNDREDS OF BOXES CONTAINING ALCOHOL LABELED MATERIALS.
 - * DRUMS LABELED SUPER SPRAY WHICH ONE DRUM ALSO CONTAINED A POISON LABEL.
 - * DRUMS OF METHANOL.
 - * A DRUM MARKED TOLUENE.
 - * NUMEROUS CHEMICALS FOUND IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED LAB. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT SEVERAL CABINETS IN THIS LAB WERE LOCKED, SO THE CONTENTS IN THESE ARE UNKNOWN.
- C. A TOTAL OF FIVE SAMPLES WERE TAKEN DURING THE ASSESSMENT. FOUR OF THE SAMPLES WERE DRAWN FROM DRUMS OF UNKNOWN CONTENTS FROM WAREHOUSE BUILDING K. THE FIFTH SAMPLE WAS A SOIL SAMPLE TAKEN NEAR AN ONSITE TRANSFORMER.
- D. THE LARGE HOLDING TANKS ONSITE WERE INVESTIGATED AND FOUND TO BE EMPTY.
- E. STANDARD SAFETY PROTOCOLS WERE ADHERED TO DURING THE ASSESSMENT.
- F. AT 1800 HOURS, EPA AND TAT DEPARTED SITE.

III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. TAT TO RECEIVE ANALYTICAL DATA FROM THE SAMPLES IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.
- B. BOTH REMOVAL AND ENFORCEMENT OSC'S TO CONTACT THE PRP AND NOTIFY HIM OF ALL EPA FINDINGS.
- C. THE OSC TO REQUEST FROM THE PRP AN INVENTORY OF THE VARIOUS ITEMS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE SITE WAREHOUSES.
- D. DUE TO UNRESTRICTED ACCESS INTO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AREA AND CHILDREN OBSERVED PLAYING ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY, THE OSC IS CONCERNED WITH THE MATERIALS HAPHAZARDLY STORED ONSITE. THE OSC WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH THE PRP TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS.

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